

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 were pending. Claims 1, 4, 9, 12, 14, 17, 22, 25, 29, and 34 have been amended. Claims 7, 20 and 32 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8-19, and 21-36 remain pending.

In the present Office Action, claims 4-7, 9-11, 14, 17-20, 22-24, 29-32 and 34-36 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

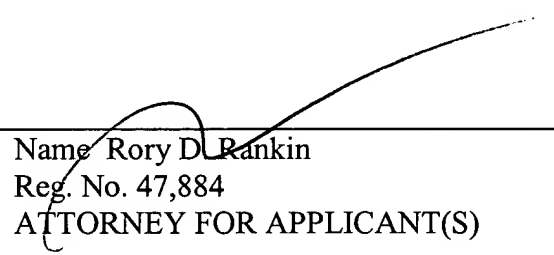
Applicant has amended the claims to include the above identified allowable subject matter. In particular, each of pending independent claims 1, 12, and 25 have been amended to include the limitations of prior claims 7, 20 and 32, respectively. In addition, prior claims 4, 9, 14, 17, 22, 29 and 34 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added. Applicant further requests consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement mailed by the applicant June 30, 2003.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5266-09800/RDR.

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